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In re Patent Application of:
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For: Ink Composition For Inkjet Recording, Ink
Cartridge, And Recording Apparatus

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application under 37 CFR §1.114, and submit for entry this Response.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.